

**MINUTES OF**



**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2005  
4:00 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair           Kit Smith  
Member       Joseph McEachern  
Member       Paul Livingston  
Member       Valerie Hutchinson  
Member       Mike Montgomery

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Anthony G. Mizzell, Bernice G. Scott, L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Doris M. Corley (arrived at 4:40 p.m.), Damon Jeter (arrived at 4:52 p.m.), Joyce Dickerson (arrived at 5:13), Milton Pope, Amelia Linder, Michelle Cannon-Finch; Rodolfo Callwood, Ashley Bloom, Roxanne Matthews, Joe Cronin, Chief Harrell, Pam Davis, Michael Criss, Marsheika Martin, Tony McDonald, Kendall Johnson, Stephany Snowden,

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2005**

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to adopt the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**I. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**A. Resolution to Allocate Military Forest Funds**

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, gave a brief summary regarding

staff's recommendation to approve the allocation of \$51,386.63 for the benefit of public schools and public roads using a ratio of 50% for each or 70% to the public schools and 30% of public roads.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt staff's recommendations to allocate 50/50 towards public schools and roads. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**b. Ordinance Placing a Time Limit on Refunds of Overpaid Taxes**

Ms. Smith stated the recommendation is to enact the ordinance.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the proposed ordinance limiting the time limit on refunds of overpaid taxes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**c. Construction Contract: Building Renovations for the Dutch Fork Magistrate and Sheriff's Region 4 Headquarters**

Mr. Pope stated this is an approval for construction bid of an additional \$350,000. He stated this will sufficiently complete the renovation costs for the collocation of the Sheriff's Department and the Dutch Fork Magistrate.

Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the Administrator's request to award the contract. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**d. Microsoft Software Assurance**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to approve. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**E. Garbage Service Issues**

**1. Solid Waste Collector Rate Increases**

Mr. McDonald stated the collectors have requested for the County to give an allowance. Go up to a 10% cap on the base contract amount. Adjustments will be made monthly instead of semi-annually. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to approve for discussion.

A discussion took place.

**Point of Clarification** - Mr. Montgomery wanted clarification on whether the committee would be approving Option-1 or Option-2.

Ms. Smith stated the motion is for approval of Option-2 which is to allow the current system of subsidy to remain in place up to \$1.75/gallon.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**2. Amended Contract Terms for Johnson's Garbage Service**

Mr. McDonald stated that Mr. Johnson has requested evaluation of his entire contract. Staff is looking at all of the contracts at once, not singling out a single collector. Mr. McDonald stated staff will bring back a recommendation in October in regards for all of the collectors.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to defer until the next committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**F. Animal Services**

Mr. Pope gave a brief explanation of the costs for housing 4900 animals. Staff recommends Option-1 which is recommending the County constructing its own Animal Holding facility. Also, Project Pet is prepared to provide an adoption component to the County's holding facility, adopting up to 2,000 dogs and cats per year.

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to accept Option-1.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to amend their motion stating a grant would not be made until after the execution of a MOU. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**e. Sheriff's Requests:**

- 1. Matching Funds for Personnel Grants**
- 2. Matching Funds for COPS Secure Our Schools Grant**

Ms. Smith stated both items have been budgeted.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve the above items. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**f. Olympia TIF**

Ms. Smith requests for the committee to look at the North Columbia TIF and requested for Ms. Heizer to explain the TIF process to the committee and then brief the County on the TIF for Olympia and North Columbia.

Ms. Frannie Heizer, Attorney for McNair Law Firm, briefed Council on the process of the TIF. She stated the TIF encourages redevelopment inside the district and areas

surrounding the district in order for private development to follow. The county's TIF would stop sprawl. She continued to explain the process of participating in a TIF.

Ms. Heizer proceeded to hand out a memorandum of the proposed TIF District in Olympia, Granby and Whaley.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston stated he wanted to look at the effects of the overall county.

The discussion continued.

Ms. Heizer stated the numbers are based on tax increments which will be received from the two mill buildings.

The discussions continued.

### **Concept for the North Columbia/Broad River TIF**

Ms. Heizer briefed the Committee on the proposed TIF District for this particular area.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to forward discussions regarding a TIF to a work session for consideration of forwarding to full Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

### **a. TIF Progress Report**

Ms. Smith stated the report will be ready at the next Committee Meeting.

Mr. McEachern requested to forward to the next Council meeting.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to request if the report is ready by the next Council meeting for staff to place it on the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **H. ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

**a. Request for New Department and Budget: Business Service Center** – This item will remain in Committee.

**b. Community Development: Proposed Regional Affordable Housing Trust Fund** – This item will remain in Committee.

- c. **Ordinance to Establish a Bond Review Committee** – This item will remain in Committee.
- d. **Prescription Discount Card** – This item will remain in Committee.
- e. **Sheriff's Request**
  - 1. **SRO Budget Amendment**
  - 2. **Expenditure Request**
  - 3. **Budget Amendment for Fuel Costs**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to hold a Special Called A&F Committee Meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 4:30 p.m. to consider the Sheriff's request and the Bond Review Committee and forward items to the Council meeting.

Ms. Smith requested for these items to be placed on the regular session agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kit Smith  
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin